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Claims 1 through 58 are in the application, with Claims 1, 29, 48 and 56 through 58 being independent.

The pending claims are subject to a restriction requirement. In particular, the Office Action groups the claims into Claims 1 through 47 and 56 through 58 (Group I), and Claims 48 through 55 (Group II). Election of one of these Groups is required because the Groups are alleged to be distinct.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1 through 47 and 56 through 58. Examination and allowance of the elected claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0049.

Respectfully submitted,

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